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AMCONSUL STUTTGART

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRG PROTECTION OF US INTEREST IN UGANDA

REF: A) KAMPALA 3330; B) ANDERSON-LEDSKY TELECONS
NOVEMBER 7

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WE CALLED DR. EGER IN FRG
FONOFF TO TRY TO CLEAR UP THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS
POSED BY FRG AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA. IN LENGTHY
DISCUSSIONS EVENING OF NOVEMBER 7 AND EARLY MORNING
NOVEMBER 8, EGER INITIALLY ARGUED THAT THE VIENNA
CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS REQUIRED THAT THE
PROTECTIVE POWER BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE RECEIVING STATE.
AFTER SOME PERSUASION, EGER WAS BROUGHT TO AGREE
TO THE FOLLOWING TWO SENTENCES WHICH WOULD NOW BE
INSERTED AT THE END OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE US
NOTE CONTAINED IN STATE 216671. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US HAS ASKED THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FRG TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION
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OF ITS INTERESTS AND OF ITS NATIONALS IN UGANDA. THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG IS PREPARED TO ASSUME THIS
RESPONSIBILITY AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT
IS SATISFACTORY. END TEXT.

2. EGER SAID HE WOULD SEND TELEGRAM TO THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA RECOMMENDING THIS LANGUAGE AND STATING THAT IT WOULD POSE NO DIFFICULTIES FOR BONN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE THE FRG AMBASSADOR SOME LATITUDE, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THE AMBASSADOR FELT THIS LANGUAGE MIGHT BE PROVOCATIVE TO AMIN. EMBOFF ARGUED STRONGLY THAT LEAVING A WIDE MARGIN OF LATITUDE TO THE FRG AMBASSADOR DID NOT APPEAR TO SERVE MUCH PURPOSE IN THE PRESENT URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES. EGER TOOK NOTE OF THIS POINT, AND SAID HE WOULD BEEF UP THE LANGUAGE OF HIS INSTRUCTION.

3. EGER SAID HE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND IN HIS INSTRUCTION THAT THE FRG AMBASSADOR NOT AWAIT ANY UGANDAN RESPONSE TO THE US NOTE, BUT SIMPLY ARRANGE TO SEND THE FRG NOTE TO THE UGANDANS PRIOR TO BOB KEELEY'S DEPARTURE.

4. COMMENT: WE HOPE WE HAVE MOVED THE FRG FONOFF FAR ENOUGH TO ALLOW FOR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE SEVERAL PROBLEMS. REQUEST KEELEY INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF THIS TURNS OUT NOT TO BE THE CASE.

5. EGER HAS JUST CALLED AGAIN TO SAY THAT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED TWO CABLES FROM THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA. HE FINDS THEM SOMEWHAT CONFUSING, AND NOW BEGINS TO GET THE FEELING THAT KOPF IS NOT READING HIS INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING A LONG AND MUCH CLEARER SET OF INSTRUCTIONS THIS TIME ROUND. HE EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT SUCH CONFUSION COULD HAVE RESULTED OVER WHAT HE THOUGHT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A STRAIGHTFORWARD OPERATION. HEASSURED EMBOFF THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR US INTERESTS AND CITIZENS IN UGANDA: ON THIS POINT THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT IN THE US MIND: AND PROCEDURES WOULD BE FOUND TO MAKE SURE

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